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SUBJECT: INP HEROIN SEIZURE

1. ON FEBRUARY 28, THE INP SEIZED 151 GRAMS OF HEROIN, VALUED AT IL 900,000 (APPROX 122,000). THIS IS THE LARGEST QUANTITY EVER SEIZED

AT ONE TIME IN ISRAEL. HAIM HABURA, OWNER OF THE HOUSE IN TEL AVIV WHERE

THE SEIZURE WAS MADE, AND HIS BROTHER MOSHE OF BAT YAM WERE REMANDED BY THE POLICE ON SUSPICION OF MEMBERSHIP IN A HEROIN DISTRIBUTION RING. ALSO HELD IN THE CASE WAS ELIAHU HEN OF GIVATAYIM, SUSPECTED OF BEING A CUSTOMER FOR THE HEROIN.

2. POLICE INSPECTOR DANNY MEROZ, TESTIFYING BEFORE THE MAGISTRATE'S COURT, SAID HE BELIEVED THAT THE ISRAELI UNDERWORLD IS SHIFTING ITS DRUG TRAFFIC TO HEROIN BECAUSE IT IS MORE PROFITABLE TO DRUG SELLERS. POLICE BELIEVE A LARGE QUANTITY OF THE DRUG WAS RECENTLY SMUGGLED INTO ISRAEL AND ARE NOW TRYING TOTRACK IT DOWN.

3. COMMENT: DEA SPECIAL AGENT JOSEPH SALM, NOW ON TDY IN ISRAEL, REPORTS THAT THE INP BELIEVE THE HEROIN SEIZED IN THIS RAID IS PART OF A 400-GRAM SHIPMENT OF HONG KONG (NUMBER 3) HEROIN SMUGGLED INTO ISRAEL RECENTLY FROM GERMANY OR HOLLAND.
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